

Remarks

Currently pending in the application are claims 1-13 and 15-25. Claims 1-9, 11, 21 and 22 have been withdrawn. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, for lacking enablement and for being indefinite. The Examiner also rejected claims 23 and 24 as being indefinite. Applicants have amended independent claim 10 to define X when R₃ is not hydrogen. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 23 and 24 to depend on claim 12. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103

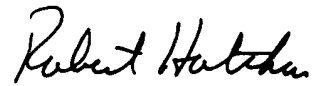
The Examiner rejected claims 10, 12, 13, 1719 and 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cameron (US Pat. No. 3,394,098) and Levine (US Pat. No. 3,548,002). Neither Cameron or Levine teach or suggest a composition containing a compound of formula Ia nor a compound of formula Ib as presently claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards the pending claims.

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